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## **USDA Grain Inspection Advisory Committee Meets October 19-20**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12, 2016 –The Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection Advisory Committee Fall 2016 Meeting takes place Oct. 19 - 20 in Portland, Oregon.

Hours are from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Oct. 19, and 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Albers Mill Building, 1200 NW Naito Parkway, Suite 240, Portland, OR 97209.

The agenda covers a variety of topics from the Federal Grain Inspection Service: quality assurance and compliance, field management, service delivery, international program and outreach, and technology and science initiatives. For a copy of the agenda contact Ms. Terri Henry, (202) 205-8281 or e-mail [Terri.L.Henry@usda.gov](mailto:Terri.L.Henry@usda.gov).

The public is invited to attend and address the committee, but unless permission is received from the committee chairman, participation is limited to written statements.

Requests to address the committee during the meeting, or written comments may be sent to: Administrator, GIPSA, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 3601, Washington, DC 20250-3601. Requests and comments may also be faxed to (202) 690-2173.

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The advisory committee provides counsel to the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration on implementation of the U.S. Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.)

For additional information about the committee or the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration visit [www.gipsa.usda.gov](http://www.gipsa.usda.gov)

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